MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are two sets of rules, *viz.*, rules relating to contracts in the Public Works Department and those relating to contracts in other departments.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Not with respect to the Excise Department?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The contracts in the Excise Department will come under the latter rules.

Prosecution of Police Officers.

140. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received by them for sanction to prosecute police officers in 1098;

(*b*) the number of cases in which departmental enquiry was held;

(*c*) the number of cases in which sanction was given for prosecution; and

(*d*) the number of police officers prosecuted?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 2.

(*b*) 2.

(*c*) *Nil.*

(*d*) *Nil.*

Delay in the Disbursement of Salaries to Vernacular School Teachers.

141. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that vernacular school teachers are not paid their salaries punctually owing to the delay in the sanction of proposition statements and the difficulties of departmental routine?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to remove their grievance in this respect?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under examination.

Lands available for Registry to Depressed Classes.

142. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to notify in the *Gazette* the area of *puduval* and *poramboke* lands in each taluk available for registry to members of the depressed classes?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): G. O. No. 1464 of 21/Revenue, dated the 30th September, 1921, makes

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provision for copies of lists of lands earmarked for assignment to members of the depressed classes being hung up conspicuously in the taluk and village offices and for similar copies being furnished free on demand to the leaders of the depressed communities concerned. At the commencement of every year the lands registered in the previous year will be deleted from the lists, the lands resumed under paragraph 27 of the revised *puduval* rules will be added to the lists, and the revised lists prepared will be similarly hung up in the taluk and village offices. In the circumstances, Government do not see the necessity for publishing the information in the *Gazette*.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether the Government have issued any instructions as to the number of acres of land that should be registered in the names of the members of the depressed classes in each taluk?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No such instructions have been issued.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Have the Government got any complaint with regard to the apathy of the Tahsildars in regard to the registry of lands in favour of the depressed classes?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No complaint has been received so far as I know.

Statistics of referred Criminal Cases.

143. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to give a statement showing the number of cases referred to the police by the magistracy and the number referred as false to the magistracy by the police in 1098?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Number of cases referred to the police by the magistracy ... 464
Number referred as false ... 341

Conversion of Ozhukinasseri Satram into a School.

144. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to convert the Ozhukinasseri satram into a vernacular school?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to veto the proposal, in view of the fact that the said satram is the only one available in Nagercoil for all classes of people and is very largely used by travellers?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) There is no proposal before the Government to convert the Ozhukinasseri satram into a vernacular school.

(*b*) This does not arise, in view of the answer to part (*a*).

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